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48. (Amended) [Use of an antimicrobial/antiparasitic] A method of treatment of the articles defined in claim 1 comprising the step of incorporating the composition as defined in claim[s] 1 [to 45, preferably as defined in claims 20 to 45, for incorporation into microbiologically degradable, contaminatable and/or perishable substances/objects, or into parasite-attacked substances/objects or into substances/objects which have to be self-decontaminating, wherein said substances/objects are as defined in claim 1] into said article.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to claim the benefits of the copending International Application under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and of the priority German patent application under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

The translation of the International Application did not include an Abstract of the Disclosure as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b). However, the copending International Application, when published as Published International Application No. WO 01/15528 A1, on March 8, 2001, included an Abstract in English. That Abstract is included in the English language copy of the application submitted herewith and is considered to be part of the application because of its inclusion in the Published International Application No. WO 01/15528 A1.

Certain of pending claims 1–48 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and try to place the claims in proper form under United States Patent and Trademark Office practice. There is clear support for the amended claims 1-48 in the corresponding original claims.

A clean copy of the new paragraph in the specification and of claims 1-48 is attached as **Exhibit A** to this Amendment.

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